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SUBJECT: FINNISH OFFER ON CANNED FRUIT

REF: STOCKHOLM 3003

1. SAARI, FOREIGN TRADE DIRECTOR TO TUKO, HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER (TRANSLATION) TO FINNISH MINISTRY OF FINANCE. LETTER IS SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL TRADE COMMITTEE, WHERE ALL MAJOR IMPORTERS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL CHAINS ARE MEMBERS.
 2. "APPLICATION TO DECREASE PRODUCTION TAX. ACCORDING TO CHANGE IN LAW ON PRODUCTION TAX ON CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS (JULY 14, 1978, 565/78), IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT PRODUCTS FALLING UNDER CUSTOMS TARIFF NUMBER 20.06, I.E. CANNED FRUIT CONTAINING SUGAR, SHALL
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HAVE THE FOLLOWING TAX:
3 A PARAGRAPH, PART 14
SUGAR ADDED TO THE SYRUP
-MINIMUM 60 PERCENT FMK 1,61 PER KG
-UNDER 60 PERCENT FMK 1,15 PER KG
THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR ADDED TO CANNED FRUIT VARIES BETWEEN 10-22 PERCENT (E.G. US PRODUCTS IN HEAVY SYRUP 18-22 PERCENT AND,

MORE OFTEN, IN LIGHT SYRUP 14-18 PERCENT). THESE PRODUCTS SHALL NOW HAVE A SUGAR ADDED TAX OF FMK 1,15 PER KG. THIS IS BASED ON THE EXCESSIVE PRESUMPTION THAT THE AVERAGE SUGAR CONTENT IS 48 PERCENT, WHILE A MORE REASONABLE FIGURE IS 13-15 PERCENT. DUE TO FACTS STATED ABOVE, THE CENTRAL TRADE COMMITTEE, REPRESENTING SUOMEN TUUKKUKAUPPIAIDEN LIITTO, VAHITTAISKAUPAN KESKUSLIITTO, DESKO OY, KESKUSOSUUSLIKE HANKKIJA, KESKUSOSUUSLIKE OTK, SUOMEN OSUUSKAUPPOJEN KESKUSKUNTA AND TUUKKUKAUPPOJEN OY, APPLIES TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO RECONSIDER, WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED AND BASED ON THE PROVISIONS IN THE CUSTOMS LAW, PARAGRAPH 156 A, THE LEVEL OF THE SUGAR ADDED TAX SO THAT IT CONFORMS BETTER TO THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF SUGAR ADDED TO PRODUCTS WITHIN CUSTOMS TARIFF 20.06., I.E. CANNED FRUIT."

3. WILL ADVISE WHEN CENTRAL TRADE COMMITTEE RECEIVES REPLY.
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